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Rose Celebrates Diwali

Jonathan Kawauchi
Staff Writer

Last Friday, the International Student Association (ISA), the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) and the South Asian Student Alliance (SASA) came together to



Several activities were provided such as henna drawings from SASA members
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bring Diwali to Rose’s campus. Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light, is a several day long celebration that occurs between October and November. Rooted deeply in Hindu mythology, Diwali symbolizes of good triumphing over evil. Diwali is celebrations are often highlighted with lights, dancing, food and fireworks. While fireworks weren’t approved for use in the SRC, the Diwali festival did feature dance male and female performances from members of SASA, a vocal performance by ISA’s president Amol Agarwal, and catering from Indianapolis’ Hyderabad House. The celebration began with an introductory youtube video *Ramayana: Story of Diwali*, a video explaining the mythological origins of Diwali from the perspective of the Hindu epic as Rama overcomes the evil forces of Ravana. Afterwards, ISA President Amol sang a heartfelt performance. Next came members of SASA’s male dance group, the Desi Dancing Queens, performing Punjabi-inspired

dance routine. Finally, SASA’s female dance group, the Actual Desi Dancing Queens, demonstrating Bollywood-inspired dance. Founded in Spring quarter of 2019, SASA is the youngest of the three sponsor clubs, but lead the initiative

and planning for the Diwali celebration. The event was attended by over 250 students and professors. This marks SASA’s first major event of the 2019 school year as a major success. Any questions or interest in SASA can be directed to the SASA President, Nilesh Dey.



[Left to right] Saayeh Siahmakoun, Vibha Alangar, Mehgna Allamudi, Shukun Patel, Neeli Shah demonstrating Bollywood-inspired dance
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The American Songbook

A Performance by Rose Ensamble

Colin Beach
Lifestyle Editor

Last Tuesday, in celebration of Veteran’s Day, Rose-Hulman held its annual Patriotic Concert in Hatfield Hall. With the theme “American Songbook,” various Rose ensembles gathered to sing, play music, and celebrate with American spirit. Comprised almost entirely of students, the Chorus, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble gave quite the show. In just one hour, the groups filled the room with the sound of classical and

lively American pieces. The evening kicked off with a choir and band combination of “Strike Up the Band” that greatly showcased the concert’s theme. The Concert Band continued with a grand medley from the Gershwin brothers (two popular American composers from the 20th century) that featured sections of their best works like “An American in Paris” and “Rhapsody in Blue.” The Jazz Ensemble also played more Gershwin music and another blues style piece, music you could sit back and relax to. As for the

Rose Chorus, the group performed the song “Feelin’ Good” and showed the emotion with which the song was written. Choir director Michelle Azar also invited the students she teaches at Terre Haute North for a beautiful rendition of “Over the Rainbow” from *The Wizard of Oz*.

For the grand finale, all groups came together to perform the timeless classic “Theme from New York, New York.” The sounds of Frank Sinatra and lively jazz combined for the perfect clos-

er, almost making you want to get up and dance. Even with being such a short concert, the music was wonderful yet relaxing. Both band and chorus performed very well, showcasing true American feeling and patriotism through their songs.

The next installment in Rose’s Student Performing Arts Series is the Holiday Pops Concert on December 15th, celebrating the holidays with these Ensembles and much more.

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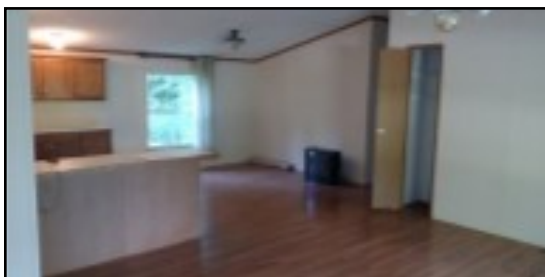
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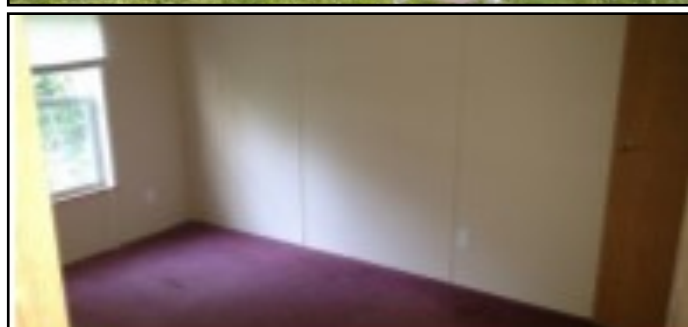
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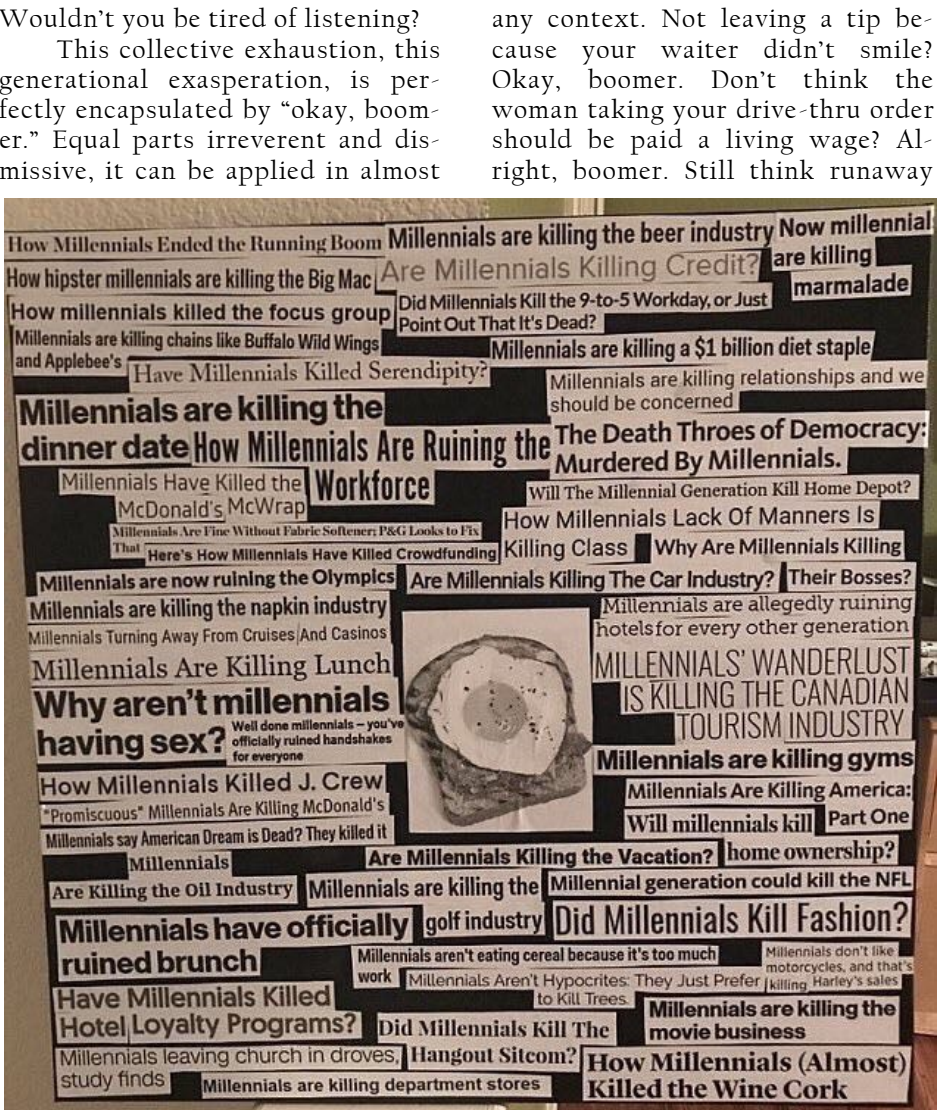
Is “OK Boomer” the New N-word?

Spoiler Alert: No.

Dara Nafiu
World News Editor

Millennials have single-handedly killed McDonald’s, sex, toast, Home Depot, and even democracy itself. For the past two decades, Generation Y has been everything from a scapegoat for disgruntled economists to the punchline for tired comedy bits. Somewhere between Tide pods and back pain, they are an easy target for an older generation that is begrudgingly coming to terms with the mess it has created.

Of course, as the nineties kids push thirty, they are starting to experience the cynicism that comes with age. Unlike the Baby Boomers before them, however, they aren’t directing it at the younger generation or wistfully longing for a by-gone era. Instead, that cynicism has made them uncomfortably aware of issues like climate change, police brutality, religious freedom, and human rights. Whether you believe it’s an unfortunate byproduct of identity politics or reassuring evidence of free thought, millennials are more intellectually diverse than any generation before them. The last few years have seen a resurgence of extremes, from far-right fascism to unabashed socialism. Millennials think far too differently to be covered by blanket statements, but that doesn’t stop the media from trying.



Millennials kill everything from Canadian tourism to wine corks.

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student debt is the product of lazy graduates instead of a fundamentally-flawed system? You got it, boomer.

The throwaway phrase is quickly becoming what “whatever, mom/dad” was in the 80s. Still, the words have proved to be far more divisive than anyone could have expected. Conservative talk show host Bob Lonsberry claimed that “Boomer” is the n-word of ageism.” This mystifyingly tone-deaf comparison immediately prompted the following response from Dictionary.com: “Boomer is an informal noun referring to a person born during a baby boom, especially one born in the U.S. between 1946 and 1955. The n-word is one of the most offensive words in the English language.” Whether you view the epithet as a passing craze or a generational warcry, it cannot compare to a word forged from centuries of hate.

The final twist in this viral sensation is that Gen-Xers are beginning to refer to their millennial parents as “boomers.” In this way, the generational identifier has transcended age and now represents outdated or close-minded ideas. So next time, whether you’re serving a table full of fifty-somethings or as the butt of another recycled joke, just close your eyes and whisper to yourself, “okay, boomer.”

Three-Day Weekends in Japan

Microsoft Japan Introduces a 4-Day Work Week

Dalal Bima
Editor-in-Chief

Microsoft Japan has seen a 40% increase productivity after experimenting with a 4-day workweek this past summer. This experiment came to Microsoft Japan’s attention after considering ways to ensure an innovative and efficient work environment for its employees, especially when it comes to a flexible work schedule that can be customized to the employee’s lifestyle and needs. To encourage employees to take a day off and only work four days a week, Microsoft Japan has given those who took Fridays off a special paid leave.

What was quite interesting is how other aspects of the work life changed due to the shorter workweek. For instance, Microsoft Japan has set a rule to cut the duration of meetings from 60 minutes to 30 minutes, which pushed its employees to effectively use their provided time to discuss what is critical to everyone’s time.

Although this idea of a 4-day workweek has shown to increase productivity and work-life balance, only few companies have implemented it permanently around the globe. The workplace analyst Dan Shawbel says that the most common workplace perk that employees look for is flexibility, but the traditional 9-5 jobs still saturate the work world. Some places even reward



Employees working at night in a company in London.

Image courtesy of The New York Times

those who work extra hours, unaware that it is one of the fastest routes to causing burnout.

The nature of work has changed over the years, especially with advanced technologies such as Skype and email. However, the same traditional work styles are still being practiced. By decreasing the workweek from 5 days to 4 days there will be an increase in innovative higher productivity that stems from a healthier and balanced relationship with work.

When I first learned about this work style, I could not stop thinking about how this will positively impact the students lifestyles here at Rose.



Jojo Rabbit

Jojo's Bizarre Adventure (with Hitler!)

Lauren Wiseman

Staff Writer Emerita

Well, we still have Nazis, so I guess we still need anti-Nazi satire. Thankfully, the latest director to take on the subject is Taika Waititi, director of the best Thor (*Ragnarok*) and the best vampire movie (*What We Do in the Shadows*). And, like the great Mel Brooks before him, he also dressed up as Hitler to make fun of the dictator.

This time, though, Hitler is the imaginary friend of ten-year-old Nazi fanatic named Johannes—a.k.a., Jojo (Roman Griffin Davis)—who learns that his mother, Rosie (Scarlett Johansson) is hiding a Jewish girl named Elsa (Thomasin McKenzie) in their attic. Jojo begins to learn that his blind devotion to the Fatherland may have obscured the truth: about the war, about Jews, and about his good old buddy, Adolf.

Waititi has a knack for building good films around young protagonists—having done it in his earlier films *Boy* and *The Hunt for the Wilderpeople*—and it shows here. He directs great performances out of the young actors, bridging the gap between competent leads and believable children, and both

Griffin Davis and Archie Yates, playing Jojo's friend Yorki, shine. Waititi also surrounds the younger actors with a tight, tight ensemble to help them out, and in that ensemble, everyone is pitch perfect.



The latest edition to the Call of Duty series, Modern Warfare makes up for a mediocre campaign with improved multiplayer gameplay.

Image courtesy of metro.co.uk

Scarlett Johansson—finally playing a white woman—is great as Rosie. I loved watching her be a mother to this creative, energetic boy who needs normalcy and needs steering away from Nazi ideology.

Sam Rockwell, whom I love with all my heart, steals every scene he's in as a disgraced officer stuck babysitting Hitler

Youth. Alfie Allen, Stephen Merchant, and even Rebel Wilson are all hilarious in their performances, however big or small.

One standout I do have to mention, though, is Thomasin McKenzie. Her eyes are impossi-

son, really. If *Moonrise Kingdom* were about Nazis, that is.

Speaking of Nazis—we've mentioned them a few times—the movie does not shy away from the fact that this is a film set in 1945 Germany, and therefore is a war film as well.

It is sold as an anti-hate satire, and I laughed at a lot of the black comedy in the flick, but when the time comes, the film is serious, grim, and wrenching. It does not shy away from the fact that at the end of the war, Germany was using children and civilians to futilely claw at the armies descending on their country.

There are moments of tension, and moments where my jaw straight up dropped. It manages not to pull punches without being a stomach-turning misery fest.

That being said, I really enjoyed this film. It never hurts to be reminded that Nazis are bad, and that believing absurd things about people groups is wrong. And it never hurts to have that message be packaged in a poppy, fun movie like *Jojo Rabbit*. This is probably the most accessible of the buzz-worthy festival films, and one I highly recommend.



A Review of Ruby Sparks

I Love You, You're Perfect... Now Change

Lauren Wiseman

Staff Writer Emerita

"They're not interested in me, they're interested in some idea of me," laments Calvin Weir-Fields. As if romance problems weren't hard enough, the high school dropout turned bestselling author has been without a new novel idea for nearly a decade, the pain of his father's death and a recent breakup still hang heavy over him, and his male dog keeps peeing like a female. How is this dog supposed to help him meet someone if his dog is so weird? Calvin's therapist suggests writing about someone who meets this dog and loves this dog, weirdness and all. He says it doesn't matter if it's bad—in fact, even better—and with an imagination like Calvin's, surely he can dream up someone.

Dream after dream unfolds of this vibrant, enthusiastic, passionate girl who loves Calvin for who he is. She even likes his dog! Her name is Ruby Sparks, and she is adventurous, spontaneous, everything Calvin could ask for. Sure, it's a little weird that he kind of loves her, too, but this is all a therapeutic exercise. And sure, his brother doesn't think she's realistic, but Calvin thinks she's realistic enough. So realistic, in fact, he wakes up finding her in his kitchen, wearing his shirt, eating his cereal.

At first, Calvin is horrified because she might be a hallucination, but then other people can see her! And other people can hear her! Calvin has done the impossible—he's made a dream girl; and not just any dream girl, his dream girl. With Ruby, everything is beautiful, exciting—and now that he's made her perfect, he won't ever have to change her. Even though he could. If he wanted. But

he doesn't. Sure, it's fun to make her speak French at dinner parties, but that was just a test. He won't change her. Never.

Directed by the duo Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris, *Ruby Sparks* caught me by surprise. What started out as a charming, quirky romcom turned into something dark and almost painful. It quickly earned a spot in my list of favorite movies, and there are many reasons for that.

One of the first reasons is the dialogue. Turns out, when dialogue for twentysomethings is written by twentysomethings, it sounds much more natural. That makes the dream sequences where Calvin's cheesy, sappy dialogue plays over images of Ruby and Calvin swimming in a pool all the better, because the disparity between imagination and reality is that much stronger.

Another positive of the movie is the performances. The archetype of the quirky indie couple is given new life as real-life partners Zoe Kazan (who also wrote the movie) and Paul Dano bring an unexplored dimension to the lovers. As the film unfolds, they steadily dismantle our perception of these characters, mirroring the audience's growing understanding of the uglier sides of these characters. Kazan and Dano are surrounded by strong supporting performances as well, with my favorite being Elliot Gould as Calvin's therapist.

As we enter a more critical and self-aware era of the romantic comedy, I count this one among the best of a new generation of films. The exploration of how selfishness and insecurities can affect a relationship is done very well here. One could argue the matters are complicated with the fact that Calvin did invent Ruby—but his perception of her as

he concocted her does get in the way of the fact she is a real person with feelings and desires. It offers a cautionary tale about the dangers of creating a false image of someone we love—mirroring

doomed to keep repeating their mistakes or is there hope for the unlucky in love to grow as people and try again?

As mentioned, this quickly became one of my favorite movies, and it is a



Zoe Kazan, as Ruby Sparks, is Calvin's (played by Paul Dano) dream girl.

Image courtesy of IMDB.com

Calvin's own fears from the beginning.

If I could nitpick the film, there are some scenes that serve their purpose, but are not as well-integrated as they could be and thus slow the pacing of the film. However, the always charming Antonio Banderas—playing Calvin's stepfather—ultimately makes up for it.

The film leaves some aspects of the story open-ended, too, inviting viewers to ask if anyone actually learned anything and, if not, are the characters

great film to watch if you're in a relationship, recently got out of one, or have never been in one. It is laugh-out-loud hilarious, and utterly heartbreaking. I find something new to appreciate every time I watch it, and even writing this review makes me want to sit down and watch it again.





Unprofessional Engineering

The Creative and Compelling Pittsburg Podcast

William Kemp
Business Manager

The Unprofessional Engineering podcast is probably the most hilarious and interesting podcast any aspiring or current engineer could listen to. Hosted by James Hezing and Luke Mihelcic, their witty commentary and light roasts against each other make each and every episode enjoyable. Both work as product marketing managers at Autodesk, but they still find the time to share interesting facts about many aspects of engineering that to most would seem boring.

Along with “normal” episodes, James and Luke have several series of episodes, including “How it’s Made,” “Great Inventors,” and “Companies That Built the World.” They’ve had several special guests on their show to talk about what they do in the engineering world and aspects of their job that most wouldn’t immediately connect to engineering.

Some of my favorite episodes come from the “How it’s Made” series. Episode 159 talks about how solar panels are made and how they’ve changed since the invention of the solar cell in 1883. Did you know that the bluish color of solar panels isn’t natural? Or that today solar panels are so advanced it’s possible for a window to be a functioning solar panel?

The “Great Inventors” series talks about (surprise, surprise) some of the most historical inventors of all time. My personal favorites: Marie Curie, Benjamin Franklin, and Elon Musk. Marie Curie was an absolutely amazing physicist and chemist whose theo-



Unprofessional Engineering podcast cover with Luke (left) and James (right).

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ries changed both fields dramatically. She coined the term radioactivity, discovered two elements, and developed mobile radiography so field hospitals could x-ray patients. Ben Franklin, however, was the most surprising to me. Yeah sure, he’s a founding father and invented the lightning rod, but there is so much more to him. One of Ben Franklin’s first inventions was swim fins. This isn’t some huge discovery or anything, but the fact that he did it at 11 years old, today’s fifth grader, is astonishing. Later on in life, when his brother had kidney stones, Franklin changed the urinary catheter from a thick, metal tube, to a flexible one. As for Elon Musk, I think he speaks for himself as (in my opinion) the current world’s best entrepreneur/engineer.

The “Companies that Built the World” series happens less often than the other two with only four episodes; Corning, Westing-

house, Ford/GM/Chrysler, and Boeing made the list. George Westinghouse invented the air-brake system still used today (though a little more advanced now) in trains, and with the help of Nikola Tesla, made AC power mainstream. Boeing, who’s known today mostly for their commercial airlines, also plays a big role in Defense. Corning is primarily responsible for the creation of Pyrex, a special type of glass. Meanwhile, Ford, GM, and Chrysler all contributed to the start of the automobile industry.

“They still find the time to share interesting facts about many aspects of engineering that to most would seem boring.”

I highly recommend listening to this podcast, or at the very least checking out some of the episodes mentioned above. You can listen to this podcast on iHeartRadio, iTunes, and YouTube, among other platforms. If you have a topic you’re interested in, or if you just want some really cool stickers, you can simply email James at unprofessionalengineering@gmail.com for a shout out in their next episode.

Must Watch YouTube Channels

Recommendations from the Rose Thorn Staff

Colin Beach
Lifestyle Editor

Alex “french guy cooking”
(from Jonathan Kawauchi, Staff Writer)

Alex is one of the many food channels that can be found on YouTube, but he takes it one step further. His videos often dive beyond just the ingredients of the dishes he features. He’ll go into a step-by-step breakdown of each part of the preparation, often taking a very engineering/scientific approach to optimize the food’s flavor and the cooking process. He’s also a resident of France and has a knack for engineering, leading to many vlog-style videos featuring European cuisine, food experiments, and more technical videos about how to deck out and personalize your kitchen. His videos are filled with his love and passion for food. For Rose students who might want to step up their ramen game, I’d recommend Alex’s “Ramen Addiction” series, where he goes in-depth on how to make and store your own noodles, broth, and ramen-related additions.



Alex and his many, many cooking tools.

Images courtesy of YouTube.com

Matt D’Avella
(from Dalal Bima, Editor-in-Chief)

Matt is a minimalist and a filmmaker. He has more than 100 million views because his videos/short films are exquisite and always have a great message. His channel has a variety of videos like self development, minimalism, productivity, and meditation. He also takes on many other random challenges and tests for 30 days, like quitting sugar for a month.

His channel is definitely one of my favorites on YouTube; they are high quality and informative, yet are very fun to watch.

Scrumdiddlyumptious
(from William Kemp, Business Manager)

Scrumdiddlyumptious... both the name and a perfect description of the channel. With videos more or less daily, the chefs of Scrumdiddlyumptious use unique kitchen tactics and recipes that anyone with some experi-

ence could do at home. Cooking is one of my favorite hobbies and I’ve spent my fair share drooling over the videos from this channel. If you ever want to try something new out in the kitchen, this is the perfect place for inspiration.

Linus Tech Tips
(from Aidan Moulder, Opinions Editor)

Linus Tech Tips is a great channel for tech news, reviews, experiments, and (above all) tips. I learned basically everything I know about computers and PC building from this channel, but they also talk about current technologies like phones, wearables, and smart home products.

Lock Picking Lawyer
(from Thomas Hall, Staff Writer)

The no face voice of this channel is very calming to listen to, no matter your interest in lockpicking or not. It also just makes you aware of how much security is really just security ‘theater’ (i.e. fake) and actually does nothing if you really want to get in somewhere.



Percopo Is Far From Perfect

What I think about living on campus

Aidan Moulder
Opinions Editor

I think I've had enough time to judge my living accommodations here in Percopo, and I'm leaning towards the negative side of things. Don't get me wrong, compared to Speed, it's significantly better in a number of ways. For example, having a bathroom connected to my room that I share with three people instead of 30 is great. I also love having air conditioning, but for the thousands of dollars I'm paying, I've not found anything really amazing about this room, and in fact some things are less impressive than in Speed.

Since we have these massive ceilings standing around 11 feet or so, there's a huge amount of wasted space that could be used for storage or literally almost any other purpose. In order to reclaim some of the floor space, my roommate and I built lofts for our beds (which include desks on the bottom) and took up some of that vertical space. I don't see the need for such high ceilings, other than to make the rooms feel bigger than they actually are, when in

reality the room I had in Speed last year probably has more floor space than the one I have in Percopo.

The furniture we're given is completely awful. The desks don't fit any chairs other than those crappy wooden ones we all have and probably hate. The bed stands and springs are not amazing. The mattresses are too small and too hard. Having one dresser for two people is inconvenient. We have fewer shelves than we did last year. The list goes on and on.

Mechanical issues abound this year. Only a few weeks into this quarter, my suite had to come up with a solution to keep the shower handle from slowly losing to gravity, resulting in increasingly hot water during showers (speaking of which, the water pressure is completely unsatisfactory). Oddly enough, the Math and Econ major, as opposed to the engineers, came up with a solution involving some paracord tied in an adjustable knot. While I'm on the subject of plumbing, one of the handles on my sink can get stuck in this weird spot that results in this really loud



Image courtesy of Wikipedia

creaking noise but with no water coming out.

I'm the kind of person that likes to make it cooler in the room when I go to bed. At home, I crank up my ceiling fan and it does the job. Here, with my lofted bed, I don't have anywhere to put a fan, so my next step would be to adjust the thermostat. However, there's no

thermostat for me to adjust. It's not a necessity, but it would be nice to control the temperature in my room by at least a few degrees.

Basically, while Percopo is a slight improvement over Speed, I think that we're paying too much for that slight improvement.

Baseball is Bad

My perspective on America's favorite pastime

Aidan Moulder
Opinions Editor

I would call myself a lover, nay, a connoisseur of sports. I have, in my time, played a number of them, and I still find myself watching championship games and series when I have time. However, there's one exception to this, and that is America's favorite pastime.

Every baseball game I've ever seen on TV or been to in person has just been unbelievably boring. The action, when it does occur, is short-lived. Otherwise, all the sport boils down to is a bunch of guys standing out in a field, waiting to see if the batter will ever actually hit the ball. When he does, it's a miracle if it's not a foul ball.

Part of what influences my thoughts about baseball is the level of individual skill that a player can attain in other sports. The best example of this is soccer. There are endless streams of compilations on YouTube dedicated to players breaking through all-star defensive lines all by themselves, and they manage it in spectacular fashion. Current stars like Cristiano Ronaldo and heroes of old like Pelé have been pushing the limits of individual talent through the decades. For example, Johan Cruyff contributed so much to the art of foot-driven deception that his signature move is named after him and is still referred to at all levels of play as the Cruyff

turn.

When we switch sports and take a look at basketball, there are similar instances of brilliance from players throughout the decades. I'm not as well-versed in the ways and lore of basketball as I am with soccer, but I've seen a great deal of individual talent emerge from all sorts of players, current and former. Moving



Babe Ruth at bat

Image courtesy of nypost.com

on to football: while the structure of the game doesn't lend itself to individual talent, there are particular positions, like the quarterback and receivers, where individual talent surfaces in the form of quick, strategic thinking.

With baseball, there's not really anything like what I've described above. The rigid structure of the game railroad players into playing one way. For example, when a

player steps up to bat, it seems like luck and statistics play a bigger role than skill. Even when I think about a legend like Babe Ruth, with his impressive 0.3421 batting average, I can't think of what made his average as good as it is. There's not really a special way to swing the bat, or some way to adapt in the short time between the ball leaving the

pitcher's hand and getting to home plate that allows for a sure hit every time. In the outfield, there's no special technique for catching and throwing the ball. Really, as far as I'm concerned, the most talented player on the field at any given time is the pitcher. The reason why Babe Ruth only hit 34% of pitches is because he had to deal with pitchers throwing any variety of fastballs, changeups,

curveballs, or knuckleballs.

Another factor is how long the game takes, if you consider only the actual time played and not halftime breaks, commercial breaks, or timeouts. Soccer games are relatively short, since they last an hour and a half, provided it's not a match that requires additional time or penalty kicks. Basketball games are 48 minutes long, and football games (thanks to the clock stopping in certain situations) hit around 11 minutes of total playtime. What makes baseball so different from these other sports is that there is no time constraint. Each game has a minimum of nine innings (but only if there's a definite winner by the end of the bottom of the ninth), and the length of each inning varies greatly depending on the performance of either team. For reference, the longest Major League Baseball game ever was 25 innings long and lasted just over eight hours. I don't know about you, but I find it hard to sit still for even a few minutes at times. I can't imagine trying to sit and watch a game for eight entire hours, even if it was a more active, consistent sport like soccer or basketball. I can't even get through a typical baseball game, which averages around three hours. I must commend those who can sit through a game that long without getting bored, but baseball is definitely not for me regardless.



Women's Soccer

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The Rose-Hulman women's soccer team earned the second Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament championship in program history after defeating Hanover College with a final score of 1-0. This improves the team to 15-4-1 overall and earns them an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament.

The Engineers found themselves in a battle for the HCAC title against the Panthers. Rose-Hulman was able to lead Hanover in shots at the end of the first half 6-3 in a highly defensive matchup. Elle Ogden was able to get to the net in the 40th minute after an assist from Jessica Wells to put Rose-Hulman ahead going into halftime 1-0.

The second half continued to prove to be a defensive stand-off. Hanover would outshoot the Engineers 4-1 in the second half, but were not able to connect with the net to tie the score. The Engineers would defeat the Panthers with a final score of 1-0 with an even number of shots between both teams 7-7. Goalie, Katie Demert, was able to record two saves in the Engineers 11th shutout of the season.

After the match, Rose-Hulman was presented with the HCAC regular season and championship trophies. Jessica Wells was named the HCAC Tournament Most Valuable Player for her efforts in the postseason tournament that included the game winning goal against Hanover and both assists in the semifinal win over Mount St. Joseph.

This is the second time in program history that the Engineers have claimed the HCAC title. Rose-Hulman won its only previous appearance in the HCAC Tournament Championship Game in 2007. This will mark the program's second NCAA Tournament ap-



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Men's Soccer

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Unfortunately, Hanover College scored in the final minute of regulation to force extra time, then won a penalty kick shootout over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to win the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference men's soccer tournament championship on Saturday.

The Fightin' Engineers led 1-0 on a goal by Ryan Tarr in the 59th minute. Tarr scored off a free kick assist from Eric Kirby.

Rose-Hulman led until the final minute of regulation, when Patrick Rowe ripped a shot to the top left corner of the net just over the outstretched arms of goalkeeper Pascal Schlee. The senior goalkeeper had four saves in the match, including a diving stop in the penalty kick shootout to keep the Engineers within striking range.

Hanover won the penalty shootout 4-2, despite made shots from Kirby and Andy June. Hanover outshoots the Engineers 13-7 in the contest, with Kirby leading the team with two shots.

Hanover advances to the NCAA Division III Tournament with a 12-5-2 record, while the Engineers cap their outstanding season at 16-3-1. The two teams shared the HCAC regular season title, then played to an official draw in the HCAC Tournament title match.



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Football

HCAC Championship Game



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Hanover College earned its second consecutive Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference football championship and NCAA Division III Tournament appearance with a 42-13 victory over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the conference championship game on Saturday at Cook Stadium.

Garrett Wight led the Rose-Hulman offense with 86 yards on 20 carries. Andrew Dion completed eight passes, and Eric Morris added four completions with a 23-yard touchdown strike to Da'Jon Bonnee on the final drive for the Engineer passing game.

Zach Phillips led the Rose-Hulman defense performance with 11 tackles with one interception. Jack Heyl contributed 10 tackles and one sack. Jacob Hendrich added five tackles, two tackles-for-loss and one sack on a day that the Engineer defense amassed four sacks.

Hanover took a 7-0 lead on its first possession, when Wezensky connected with Bleistein on a six-yard touchdown pass. Rose-Hulman answered to close within 7-6 on a 24-yard run by Wight at the 9:44 mark of the first quarter.

Rose-Hulman stands 6-3 overall and 5-2 in HCAC play entering its season finale at No. 8 St. John's (Minn.) next week.

Volleyball



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The Rose-Hulman Fightin' Engineers were defeated by #20 Transylvania in the HCAC Tournament Semifinal Match 25-13, 25-15, 25-17.

Kayla Harding led the Engineers offensively with six amazing kills for the night followed by Riley Woodruff who totaled four kills.

Katie Orbeta led the team with 12 assists followed by Eryn Castaneda who was able to contribute eight assists of her own to support the Rose-Hulman Engineers.

The Engineers defense was led by Katryna Dahlberg recording 21 digs in the match. Orbeta had the teams second highest total with nine digs on the night.

Maria Bruner led the team with three block assists.

Rose-Hulman advanced to the HCAC Tournament Semifinals one year after winning the league championship at Transylvania. The Engineers compiled a 6-3 record in HCAC regular season play.



WACKY PROF QUOTES

“Youu should stop misquoting me.”
-Dr. Amir Danesh

“Guys! Pretend to do work!”
-Dr. Amir Danesh

“Stop it. I’m not high-fiving you until you graduate.”
-Dr. Amir Danesh

“You guys are pretty blah right now. It’s almost like it’s Mon-day or something.”
-Dr. Kyle Claassen, on a Monday

“If anyone turns an I-beam and loads it on the web, they proba-bly went to Purdue.”
-Dr. Christine Buckley

“And you’re not going to quote that!? You put my stupid quotes in the Rose Thorn and you don’t put that!?”
-Dr. Amir Danesh

“I don’t have a Ph.D. either... oh my god this is going to be a quote.”
-Dr. Amir Danesh

“I like crack problems.”
-Dr. Ashley Bernal

“Apparently today I prefer left-handed coordinate systems. Someone take me out and shoot me if that’s ever the case.”
-Dr. Kyle Claassen

“Let Dr. Doering shoot you.”
-Dr. Daniel Chang

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of con-text? Did you hear something amusing on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/bB339sx6GHohggYt1>

An Inner Look at the Underground Rose-Hulman Black Market

Gordon Phoon

Over the last week, I immersed myself in one of the most danger-ous communities on Rose-Hulman’s campus: Conwell’s Corner, also known as the Rose Black Market.

Located in the President Office Suite in Olin (above the main receptionist), people come and go daily to pay their respects to the wooden statue of Rosie while also participating in the trade of danger-ous contraband.

“We were thinking of setting up in one of the Rose Thorn club room due to low chances of anyone walking in, but we decided that the current location was even more se-cluded,” cited an anonymous source.

In the past, Conwell’s Corner used to be housed in other uninhabit-ed locations, such as Percopo 4, the Apartments lounge, the Lake Room, literally any room in Meyers, and the new Esports Center.

Walking through the market is a thrilling experience for first timers. The Subway sign hangs graciously over the main stairs for peo-ple to view while entering, with the market opening up to multiple shops selling storage space for clubs, decent food, and a multitude of dried markers from popular professors. Shops line the walls with adver-tisements for “unlimited bandwidth options” and digging deeper I was able to find someone willing to sell me this article space on the Rose Thorn. While the official slogan of the market “Anything for the right price”, is hung right below the Subway sign for all to view, the general consensus of all parties is that the real rallying cry is “It’s just like the old Sharepoint!”

From all walks of life, people come to Conwell’s Corner looking

TOP TEN Final Exam Questions

1. What’s the instructor’s name?
2. What’s the date?
3. What’s your name?
4. Wanna go on a date?
5. Jk jk... unless?
6. What grade do you think you deserve?
7. What are you doing after class?
8. What happens if I give you an A?
9. How does the fugacity of a solid in a mixture change as the mixture positively deviates from ideality?
10. Fill in the blank: your premium Snapchat account is: _____
11. Find the force on the string due to gravity. Units should be in Elephants²/Football field
12. How do you unsubscribe from an email chain?
13. Who is Joe?
14. Do you enjoy driving on campus?
15. Take the derivative with respect to Dat Ass
16. Convince me that the chair in front of you does not exist
17. Find the volume of the cube [volume/cubic cube]
18. What do you do for fun?
19. What would your coefficient of restitution be if you jumped out the roof of Percopo?
- 20.If you hit a juul and an inhaler at the same time, do your lungs take a screenshot?
21. Nudes or noods? Show your work for full credit.
- 22.How many slugs are exerted?
- 23.How much will it cost to get you to write for the Thorn?

for high quality items, or just to procrastinate. One buyer, who wished to remain anonymous, stated that “[the market] is a tight knit commu-nity. People from all walks of life come here, from dying seniors to profs looking for better paying careers. Every week, a whole bunch of com-muters organize the ‘weekly laundry sneak’, where they either go into dorms to do free laundry, or just steal the machines for themselves.”

However, to keep up the quality and general security, entry re-quirements are high. “You aren’t allowed in here unless you’ve either gotten grandfathered in from a Rose Grad, or join through our secret sponsored organizations, like Bing Club. Even then, if you want to sell goods here, the test to get licensed is hell, and basically nobody passes it.”

Conwell’s Corner’s current seller’s examination requires a candi-date to sit through the entirety of an SGA budget meeting.

While the community thrives on our campus, the administra-tion has taken less kindly to the organization. Increased aggression from disgruntled buyers and sellers has led to rising tensions between President Coons and the rest of the organization. This reached its peak in October when tour groups got caught in the crossfire of a pirated textbook deal gone wrong. In response to the tragedy, the President declared his intentions of “removing any mention of Jim Conwell from the face of the earth.” Conwell’s Corner was also included in this an-nouncement.

While public safety doesn’t have the ability to shut down the market directly (Conwell’s Corner has been officially recognized by SGA), they have been working hard to identify the ringleaders to stop the whole operation. Conwell’s Corner responded to the threat by im-plementing code names such as “Robby C” (the ringleader of the whole operation), “phoongm” (my nickname during my time here), and “dying student” (could be literally anyone). On top of this, during open market hours, it seems that a strange number of freshmen keep getting locked out of their buildings during those exact times.

If you’re interested in finding out more for yourself, please con-tact the President’s Office at 1-800-CON-WELL, or 1-SA-FET-YJIM.